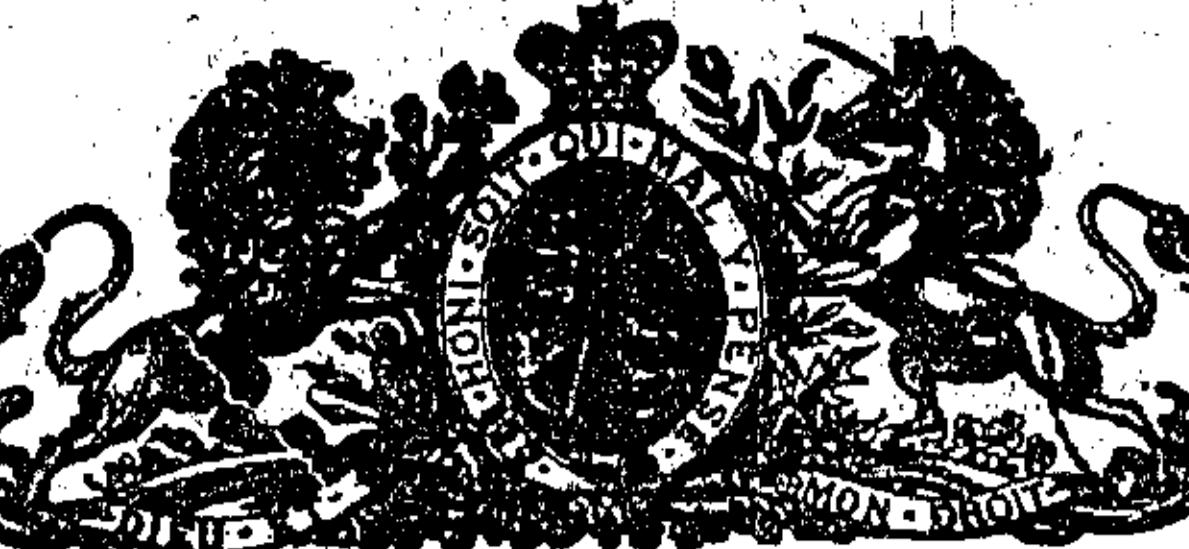


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BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

NOTICE.

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BEEF! BEEF!

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24 Tiers PRIME INDIA MESS

BEEF, FOR SALE by private bar-

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Hongkong, December 24, 1878

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(In English and Chinese.)

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of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

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Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

### Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, and JEWELLERS.

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## Intimations.

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ANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Messrs. OLYPHANT & Co. having SUSPENDED PAYMENT, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant, appointed Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,

WM. REINERS,  
Chairman,  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,  
Deceased.

IT is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS.  
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Enrolments are now being made in  
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Sun and Moon."

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A Remarkably Tame Bird.

Legends on Scaptope and Chinaware.

The Portuguese Sovereignty over  
Macao.

Breeding Pearls.

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China Mail Office,

Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

ACCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.  
COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by Steamship  
"GAELIC" are hereby notified that  
their Goods are being landed and stored at  
their risk in the Company's Godowns, at  
West Point, whence and/or from Wharves  
or boats delivery may be obtained, on  
counter-signature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the  
8th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. E. ELLIOT,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. de30

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."

T. H. Tan Sive, 4 pgs. Metal, from  
Batavia.

Ex "Fei Ho."

N.M.T. (in diamond) 545 Imp. Aldridge  
V.S.C. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases  
Millinery.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
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HONGKONG.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. H. VERNON  
began to announce that he will  
shortly take his

## FAREWELL BENEFIT,

On which occasion he will be assisted by the  
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,  
Who have kindly given their valuable  
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## COMEDY AND OPERA

FOR  
MR. H. VERNON'S  
FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

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S A M B I N G  
S T U L T Z,  
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "OPHRENES,"  
AND  
HAS FOR SALE—  
NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.  
WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.  
TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.  
HATS in EVERY STYLE.  
DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja11

## NOTICE.

C O K E A N D T A R  
FOR SALE,  
In QUANTITIES to SUIT PURCHASERS.  
Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.  
A. NEWTON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officer or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S.  
Coperio, from London, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the  
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Com-  
signees before To-day, the 27th Inst., at  
2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.Goods remaining unclaimed after THU-  
RSAY, the 2nd January, 1879, at Noon, will  
be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Dec. 27, Yangtze, British steamer, from  
Canton.Dec. 27, Yungching, Chinese steamer, from  
Canton.Dec. 27, Onward, British schooner, 200,  
H. Boyce, Swatow. Dec. 16, Beaufort,  
Lane, Crawford & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 27, Namao, for Amoy.

## CLEARED.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Burnes, for Yokohama.

Penedo, for Saigon.

Davina, British barque, Captain  
Geo. Scott.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.Fontenay, French barque, Captain E. M.  
Gouy—Landstein & Co.Napier, British barque, Capt. W. L.  
Bryar—Mossesier Maritime.Taiwan, German barque, Captain C. Jes-  
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H. Nelson.—Captain.S. R. Pearce, American barque, Capt.  
A. E. Osack.—Russell & Co.Pharos, British barque, Captain H.  
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Lo Couter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.Prince Arthur, British barque, Capt.  
R. Wills.—Chinese.Kvik, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole  
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Kang—Mossesier Maritime.

Hailoong, Chinese bar

property roughly estimated at about a million of dollars. How the Brigade men, the military and naval detachments, and many volunteers, worked like lions, though their efforts were evidently misdirected or ill guided, will be readily admitted by all who saw them. Captain Deane, Mr. Wodehouse, and many of the other local officials were also present, doing good work. The distresses among the Chinese will, it is stated, be relieved by their own people, several offers having been respectfully declined by the leading Chinese merchants. Captain McKirdy, of the steamer *Perusia*, placed his fine steamer at the disposal of the authorities; but though comfortable quarters could have been thus obtained for 700 or 800, the Chinese refused to accept the offer thus considerably made. It is to be hoped that the homeless may be provided with shelter of some kind or other. During the day the 74th Highlanders have been doing patrol duty, and the soldiers, together with those of the Volunteers who have not been out all night, will share with the Police the arduous duty of patrolling the busy street, during this night. A friendly offer from the Spanish Consul of 100 men-of-war's men was declined by the Governor, with thanks, as being unnecessary under the circumstances; but detachment from the *Patro* did good service during the fire.

As we go to press we observe that the fire shows signs of revival at several important points. It is stated that some of the engines have been sent home! Should a breeze arise, and an insufficient supply of water be on the spot, it is quite possible we may have a repetition of the scene of last night. The Magistracy is certainly threatened with conflagration at the moment we write (7 p.m.).

#### "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE,

Friday, Dec. 27th.

The light breeze that arose about five or six o'clock last night revived the fire at several points, and, owing to the absence of engines and firemen, matters began at one time to wear a rather serious aspect, especially in the neighbourhood of the Clock Tower last evening. On board the *Perusia* these people would have been comfortably housed, and excellent arrangements would have been at their disposal for the cooking of their food, and the storage of the household effects that have been left to them. At the same time, it must be admitted that the Chinese are "peculiar" in this as in other matters. We know of several cases where offers of assistance were flatly declined; blankets were refused by women whose children were crying in the cold; and the feeling of true charity which looks for no return save the satisfaction of having helped a fellow-man to have no place in many of the Chinese sufferings. They trust no one, and fancy that every offer made them has merely its commercial value either to those who offer or their domestic servants.

We most unaccountably omitted to make any mention of the fact that H. E. the Governor arrived on the spot about three o'clock in the morning, having till that hour been quite unaware of the calamity that had turned out the Christmas feasters to fight against a sort of pandemonium of fire and confusion. From that hour the Governor, accompanied by Major Palmer, A.D.C., was to be found at nearly every point of the conflagration; and it would seem that Mr. Creagh is the better for H. E.'s consideration. Last night we stated that Mr. Creagh's quarters were "looted"; but as this operation was carried on by H. E., the proceeds were safely stowed at Government House, and there found to-day, to the no small satisfaction of the Fire-Master, who had himself given up his goods and chattels as "lost." Mr. Price, the Surveyor General, was most energetic in his efforts during the entire progress of the fire; and many of the officers, naval and military, were praiseworthy prominent in everything that, under the circumstances, could be done. It would be invidious to give names, where so many were working so hard and so willingly. A word, however, must be said in praise of the Hongkong Volunteers, over forty of whom turned out for guard and patrol duty during last night. The Hongkong Bank (which was the head-quarters) and the Post office were the public institutions placed under their care; and patrols were kept up in various districts of the city. Considering that most of the members spent an almost sleepless night while the fire was at its height, this duty was no empty formality on the part of our gallant Volunteer Corps. To this fact, as well as to the readiness shown by the military authorities to assist the Police in preserving order, we may attribute the absence of any serious occurrences during the night—most of the 150 prisoners dealt with at the Magistracy today being Chinese who were taken up while the fire raged.

Bishop Raimondi and Father Burghignoli request us to tender their best thanks to the Fire Brigade and military and naval authorities for the efforts made to save the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The soldiers and sailors did remarkably well on the whole, considering that the fire occurred on Christmas night, and most of them were at the time on leave and—use a mild phrase—remarkably jolly. With the exception of a few men left in care of the vessels, we understand that the whole of the crews of the *Victor Emmanuel* and the other gunboats in harbour were, or had leave to be, on shore, and it would assuredly be expecting more from the blue jackets and soldiers than could be expected from civilians on Christmas day if the precision and smartness of everyday life was anticipated on their part on Wednesday night. As it was there was a considerable amount of laxity about "Jack" and his military comrade during the night, which we feel confident would not have been observable on any other occasion. Many of the seamen, and the bulk of the soldiers, did their duty in a very creditable manner—remembering that, as servants of their country, one of their first duties should be the preservation of order, and exertions for the public

good. The fire-brigades worked hard and manfully, although there can be no two opinions upon the point that their general direction was bad. It is most important that the command on such occasions as these should be vested in one competent individual, and that his word should be absolute law, while he should be at all times in a position to receive advice, information, and assistance from the military and possibly naval authorities. The jets of water used in the course of this conflagration were also something contemptible. Whether this was the fault of the water supply or of the engines we are unable to say, but it is certain that the fire-brigades here can never be regarded as efficient until they can, at a reasonable distance from the Praya, reach the tops of moderately lofty houses with their streams of water.

If it be true that the Tung Wah Hospital Committee has refused an offer of the Captain of the *Perusia* to accommodate seven or eight hundred of the homeless Chinese on board his vessel, that refusal should sound the death-knell of the influence of the semi-official body in question. We are certain that the offer was made, and equally positive that the offer was refused. Had the Tung Wah Hospital Committee undertaken to substitute other accommodation for that which they refused, some excuse might be found for their conduct. But as a matter of fact we can assert from our own observation that many Chinese families passed the night, in the open air exposed to the cold blasts across the Praya and up Wyndham Street, with no other protection from the chills of the night than that afforded them by the few miserable coverings than they were able to save from the flames. The wail of the poor children of these unfortunate people must have been noticed by every one walking in the neighbourhood of the Clock Tower last evening. On board the *Perusia* these people would have been comfortably housed, and excellent arrangements would have been at their disposal for the cooking of their food, and the storage of the household effects that have been left to them. At the same time, it must be admitted that the Chinese are "peculiar" in this as in other matters. We know of several cases where offers of assistance were flatly declined; blankets were refused by women whose children were crying in the cold; and the feeling of true charity which looks for no return save the satisfaction of having helped a fellow-man to have no place in many of the Chinese sufferings. They trust no one, and fancy that every offer made them has merely its commercial value either to those who offer or their domestic servants.

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We cannot give anything like an idea, at least as yet, of the loss sustained by individual property-holders, especially those who sought not safety in insurance policies, a pretty accurate estimate can be given of the losses sustained by the various Insurance Offices, home as well as local. The Hongkong Fire sets down its losses at \$150,000, and we understand they may come with that figure. We are informed that the China Fire will cover their losses by \$70,000 or \$80,000—a sum much less than was at first expected it would be. It will therefore be seen that our local underwriting companies will not suffer so heavily as the picture of desolation and destruction would lead one to suppose. We ought to add that the On Tai, the Chinese company, will lose a little over \$20,000. The Home Offices, as is but right, share the loss, as follows:—Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., £60,000 (Douglas Leprait & Co.); The Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Hamburg, \$50,000 (Siemens & Co.); Impre-

rial Fire Insurance Co., \$30,000 (Gibb, Livingston & Co.); Lancashire Insurance Co., \$17,000 (Arnold Karberg & Co.); and Royal, \$10,000 (Melschers & Co.) Mr. Fisher, in whose house the fire originated, is insured in the Lancashire to the extent of \$6,000. We have not yet learnt how much the Sun Office or the Alliance has suffered; but we are informed that the Scottish Imperial was fortunate in escaping all loss from the fire.

#### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The fire which we have just experienced will long be remembered in Hongkong as one of the most disastrous which has ever occurred. It is wholly impossible to give an adequate estimate of the value of the property destroyed, but roughly it may fairly be taken at nearly two millions of dollars, as, independent of the value of the house property—which in itself must have been considerable, we have to take into account the numbers of Chinese whose little all has been destroyed, as well as the more valuable stock of the shop-keepers. The local insurance offices are sufferers to a considerable amount, about \$300,000 a \$400,000. Hundreds if not thousands of families have been rendered homeless. Independent of the severe loss of property, the distress occasioned by this to us unparalleled catastrophe must be tremendous. The fire originated in a house at the Queen's Road end of Endicott Lane. The house was occupied by a European named Edward Fisher, who was engaged in a small commission business. The alarm was given about 10.45 p.m. last night, at a time, moreover, when nearly all were doubtless enjoying their Christmas dinner. The brigades nevertheless turned out with alacrity, and about a quarter of an hour after the alarm had been given one of the Government steam engines was got to work and a good stream of water was brought to play on the flames, which by this time had reached the Queen's Road and the adjoining and opposite houses in the lane—the flames shooting into the air for several yards and throwing a lurid glare over the neighbourhood. Another engine, a hand engine, was got to work on the Queen's Road side, but the puny efforts of the engines proved of no avail and it was perfectly evident to almost everyone that nothing could save the adjoining buildings, but instantly pulling down or minning the next few houses. The wind was blowing fresh from the N. E. at the time and therefore the probable direction of the fire could be easily judged. That some one blundered there can be no two opinions, and some one was ought to have been responsible; and it is scandalous that such gross mismanagement should be allowed to occur. The Chinese rabble who carry about lamps creating a disturbance by yelling and shouting, and the crowds of coolies and frightened tenants rushing to and fro carrying loads of furniture, who are always to be found at fires in the part of the world, increased the confusion. The flames spread rapidly to the westward, the houses in the Queen's Road opposite being in imminent danger, whilst in the lane the fire was creeping its way slowly but surely back towards the Praya. Attention was at once directed to prevent the opposite houses catching, but the heat was so intense that it was wholly impossible to stand in front of the burning buildings and direct a hose to the opposite side. An impromptu screen was held up so as to abate the glare and heat; this proceeding was however hopeless, and those in authority were strongly advised to pull down some of the adjoining houses or have them blown down. Orders and counter orders were given first by everybody, the fire meanwhile spreading rapidly. It was soon evident that the conflagration, unless some prompt measures were taken to stop its progress, would become a dreadfully serious one. Water was almost useless and served but to intensify the heat, yet nothing was done. At 5 minutes past midnight the opposite side of Queen's Road caught fire at No. 93, and it was a mere question of time when the whole of the adjacent houses would be at the mercy of the flames. The direction which the fire took was very irregular, and some houses escaped injury most miraculously. This was owing of course in a great measure to the direction of the wind which varied considerably, and partly also to the construction of the houses. The fire appears to have travelled gradually to the Queen's Road in a westerly direction and crept through to Tang Man Lane, thence it found its way by the Queen's Road to Wing On Lane and Gilman's Street where it made considerable havoc, the whole of both streets being nearly destroyed. At Gilman's Bazaar the fire was successfully fought by the firemen. On the south side of Queen's Road from the Stag Hotel to No. 96 was completely destroyed; Nos. 92, 94, and 94 A escaped unscathed and Nos. 82, 84, 86, 89 and 90 were free from damage by fire but suffered considerably at the hands of those who destroyed to save, by having the wood-work broken away. The fire was less merciful to No. 80 although it was to the eastward of the P. & O. Company's gate, the limit of the fire on the south side, and it is only a few instances of gross mismanagement as had the engines been brought to play on the lee side of the fire the spread of the flames in this direction could have been easily prevented. Mrs. Cammas & Pullear & Co.'s house in Pottinger Street is another instance of hideousness on the part of the fiery element, the houses on either side being totally destroyed. Commodore Watson was on the scene in uniform with a number of blue jackets under Lieut. Needham (who worked like a giant) who as usual worked most manfully, what few there were of them; but on account of it being Christmas night most of the men were on shore on Hyslop's and it was impossible to collect them together for joint action under a recognized leader. The men of the Spanish tra' port *Patio* rendered good service, as did also numbers of the troops; the Artillery and Engineers were in readiness to destroy in order to save and were quite able to do so once they obtained the requisite authority; it was evident that they were disgusted at the indecision displayed by those whose duty it was to act. Many of the 74th Highlanders worked splendidly and did good service, but we regret we are unable to say as much for all of them, as many acted most disgracefully, destroying property instead of saving it, looting and rolling about in a beastly state of intoxication from liquor obtained in many instances in a somewhat doubtful manner during the fire. For the

honor of the regiment, than which a better behaved has hitherto never been stationed here, we trust that the black sheep will be dealt severely with. The drunkenness might be overlooked as it may in a measure be ascribed to the festive season of the year, but the looting is a matter which, besides tarnishing the good name of the regiment, is calculated to destroy the confidence which the Chinese are always disposed to place in Europeans on such occasions. General Donovan was also present in uniform, besides many other notables. There was apparently a total want of organization throughout, everyone giving orders, and everyone else countermarching them. The fire had the South side of Queen's Road well in hand by 20 minutes past 12, and a bugle was sounded to give the alarm to stand clear presumably as a warning that powder was about to be used—but unfortunately this was never done. Some would be smart hands were engaged destroying property and throwing furniture into the street, which however well intentioned served no other purpose than forming a lead for the fire. The indecision as to the advisability of using powder was to say the least of it most childish; the only objection appeared to be that a few lives might be lost, but with proper precaution such a possibility would be nearly impossible. Two lives were, we believe, lost on the last occasion on which it was used. Five minutes to one Woo Cheong's photographer's shop was on fire, and the Stag Hotel appeared to be doomed, but most miraculously to relate the wind suddenly shifted from N. E. round by N. to N. W., thus clearing the Stag, which got off with very slight damage. Those in power soon became aware of the folly they had been guilty of in not blowing up sooner, but the fire was by this time licking its way in all directions, everyone appearing staggered at the immensity of the conflagration. The wind continued to blow very fresh with occasional heavy squalls, and the dry season we have lately enjoyed had made every inflammable substance easily ignitable. That the brigades worked hard there could be no doubt, but their efforts were almost useless so widespread was the calamity. In Mr. Schmidt's (the gun maker's) house there were a number of cartridges, and these were at once cut out, everything else being lost. Before 2 a.m. the fire had extended its ravages eastward as far as the P. & O. gate, where its progress was fortunately stayed. The godowns however were not out of danger. At 10 minutes past 3 o'clock the first charge of powder was exploded, and a house at the corner of the Wellington and Peel Streets brought to the ground. The fire was gradually creeping towards Messrs. Vogel Hagedorn & Co.'s premises, the lanes at the rear, most of which were filled with firewood, burning at a white heat, the whole being in one mass of flame. The Praya and the upper roads were all filled with goods of every conceivable description, and the Chinese had it all their own way, it was in fact wholly impossible for the police to have done more than they did; as it was 150 or 200 men were arrested. Two more houses were blown down in Peel Street before 4 o'clock, and subsequently many others. The fire had complete mastery of the town, and was creeping slowly but surely up the hill as far as Gage Street, sweeping away the whole block of houses between it and Cochrane Street. The fire then travelled along Lyndhurst Terrace, through Stanley Street to the New Civil Hospital which caught fire at past 9 o'clock. Part of it was blown down to prevent the flames from reaching the Central, and at noon or shortly afterwards the Civil Hospital was a heap of ruins. Although it continued to burn for long afterwards, and the Police Station had to be carefully watched to prevent the flames spreading further in that direction. A detachment of the 74th was told off to guard the Gaol in case of accident. The Station was full of all sorts of furniture and property of every description. Numbers of Europeans were drunk owing in a measure to the festive season, and partly to the opportunities afforded them by the misery of others, went straight to the Police Station and robbed Mr. Creagh's and the Inspectors' quarters, in one instance carrying off a chest of drawers bodily; not content with this some then set to work and wilfully and maliciously destroyed all they could lay their hands upon. The patients from the Civil Hospital were removed to the Old Lock Hospital. At 7.50 a.m. the roof of the R. C. Cathedral caught fire, and had it not been quickly noticed and put out by the aid of buckets there is no knowing where it would have ended. We believe that there have been several accidents, but we have not heard of any loss of life; one woman was taken out of a house of ill fame drunk, her house being at the time in a blaze, a fact of which she was quite ignorant and indifferent. We regret to say the Mr. Creagh the Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and Colonel Shervington have each had one of their feet hurt. There are many of the worst dens of infamy cleared out. We understand that the Captain of the S. S. *Perusia* offered an asylum for 600 Chinese, and many others followed suit, whilst several godowns have been brought into requisition. The fire is still smouldering as we go to press.

During the day bodies of men have been engaged pulling down the many dangerous walls which were left standing. About \$60,000 in notes and \$12,000 in silver were found in a vault under the ruins of Woo Hang's shop, Queen's Road Central, and removed by a party of armed police to a place of safety. We noticed a safe (fire-proof of course) with the smoke issuing from it which looked much as if it had been tampered with. A few of the Volunteers did duty last night as guards, but as many of that honorable corps had been hard at work the night previous they did not muster in very great force. About 14 turned out from 8 to 12, and 30 from 12 till day light, but many of these had satisfied themselves with only a couple of hours rest. A fair estimate of the number of houses destroyed is 400. In Endicott Lane 6, Tang Man Lane, 20, Wing On Lane, 30, Gilman's Street 20, Gilman's Bazaar 40, Queen's Road 44, Stanley Street 38, Fooching Lane 10, Wellington Street, 55, Gage Street, 9, Lyndhurst Terrace 34 (many of them quite new), Hollywood Road, Cochran's tree 41, Taung Tuk Lee Lane, 10, Guifak Street 13, Graham Street 28, Peel Street 7; but the number of houses huddled together in this beastly state of intoxication from liquor obtained in many instances in a somewhat doubtful manner during the fire. For the

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Dec. 27, 1878.

Sir,—Within the last two weeks the export duty on timber from Canton to Hongkong has been increased by 833 per cent.

It cannot of course be possible that the Hoppo was aware that we should shortly require to rebuild nearly half of the town, or that the owners of property would have to pay him fourfold; but the coincidence is certainly striking.

Yours faithfully

A CARPENTER.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

(L. and C. Express, Nov. 15th.)

Lin Ta-Jen, the late Chinese Minister at Berlin, arrived in Paris on the 11th inst., and will embark at Marseilles for China by the present mail steamer.

The English Secretary of the Japanese Legation, in reference to a telegram to the effect that the Japanese Government "had attempted to extort a confession from the Minister of Finance in Tokio by means of torture," is authorised by the Japanese Minister to declare such a statement to be unfounded.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Bachelor in Divinity on the Rev. Arthur Evans Moule, of the Church Missionary College, Islington, in consideration of his distinguished services as a missionary in China for seventeen years.

Sir Thomas Wade, K.C.B., whose departure for Peking has been delayed for some weeks, will leave by the present mail steamer *Ircamaddy*, from Marseilles for Calcutta, accompanied by Lady Wade. It is presumed that the object of visiting India is to confer with the Government on the subject of the Opium clauses in the *Chesco* Convention, and it is uncertain how long he may remain.

We understand that there is no foundation for the statements which have appeared in the daily English and German papers in regard to the separate negotiations between the German and Chinese Governments on the subject of the *Leixin* due in China. Nor is there any truth in the assertion that, owing to the unfavourable condition of these alleged negotiations, the late Chinese Minister at Berlin will not be succeeded. As already announced by us, Li Fong Pao will occupy the post as *Charge d'Affaires*, and will probably receive from Peking the full appointment of Minister.

The Chinese Minister and his suite have visited the extensive works and show-rooms of Messrs. Duffries and Son, in Houndsditch, with the view of occupying upwards of two hours. His Excellency was much interested and pleased at the splendid specimens of workmanship that are displayed at the establishment.

**NEW ROCKETS.**—Experiments have been made at Shoeburyness with a new description of rockets, having gun-cotton heads, and fired from a tube instead of the ordinary land service trough. The practice made showed a considerable improvement upon the usual behaviour of war rockets, which are generally distinguished by uncertainty of range and eccentricity in direction, and the explosion of the gun-cotton charges was found to produce great devastation, besides increasing the moral effect which is regarded as the chief advantage of retaining the rocket amongst the service projectiles. It is probable that the trough will be hereafter entirely superseded by the tube for land service, as it has already been in the Royal Navy.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 27, 1878.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash...	\$560
Old Patna, cash...	—
New Benares, cash, 530	—
Old Benares, cash...	—
New Malwa, cash, 720	—
Allowance Taels, 32	—
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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
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SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,  
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ON SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. PEHO, Commandant PASQUILLINI, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja28

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878. ja2

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WANTED.  
POSSESSION 15TH JANUARY NEXT,  
In a Central Locality.

A HOUSE or 4-6 ROOMS  
Apply to A. B. C.,  
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## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.

No. 2, THE FIRST FLOOR, with immediate possession.

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## As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Gut-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODDOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

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A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

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Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

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THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

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TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODDOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODDOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

## NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK,  
FOR SALE, OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the 1ST JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated at Hongkew, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GODDOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORKSHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 2½ acres.

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In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of a Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender. For further Particulars, apply to

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
Hankow Road,  
SHANGHAI.

December 5, 1878. ja2

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ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,  
Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. ja1

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business, has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE,  
Office, Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 华字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOON CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-named Ports.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

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CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEES SMITH,  
General Agent,  
pro tem.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

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